Attorney's Docket No. 029650-IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Pagent Application of Yukitoshi KATO Group Art Unit: 3731 Application No.: 09/993,633 Examiner: Unassigned 3700 HAIL ROOM Filed: November 27, 2001 INSTRUMENT FOR EXTROVERTING For: **BLOOD VESSEL** INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application. No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required. The fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed. [ ] A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed. [ ] A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth [] in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed. [ ] Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate. Respectfully submitted, BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

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